AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-11, with the following paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/972,772, filed October 5, 2001, pending; which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. ~~patent application Serial No. 09/704,251, filed November 1, 2000, pending~~ Patent No. 6,548,477, issued on April 19, 2003. The entire contents of each of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, lines 3 through 13, with the following paragraph:

In certain embodiments, P is an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of Ac-Pro-Leu-Gly-Met-Trp-Ala (SEQ ID NO:24); Gly-Pro-Leu-Gly-Met-His-Ala-Gly (SEQ ID NO:25); Gly-Pro-Leu-(Me)Gly (SEQ ID NO:26); Gly-Pro-Leu-Gly (SEQ ID NO:27); Gly-Met-Gly-Leu-Pro (SEQ ID NO:28); Ala-Met-Gly-Ile-Pro (SEQ ID NO:29); Gly-Arg-Gly-Asp-(O-Me-Tyr)-Arg-Glu (SEQ ID NO:30); Gly-Arg-Gly-Asp-Ser-Pro (SEQ ID NO:31); Gly-Arg-Gly-Asp (SEQ ID NO:32); Asp-Gly-Arg; Ac-Pro-Leu-Gly-Met-Ala (SEQ ID NO:33); Ac-Arg-Gly-Asp-Ser-Pro-Leu-Gly-Met-Trp-Ala (SEQ ID NO:34); Ac-Pro-Leu-Gly-Met-Gly (SEQ ID NO:36); Met-Trp-Ala ~~(SEQ ID NO:37)~~; Met-Gly ~~(SEQ ID NO:38)~~; Gly-Pro-Leu-Gly-Met-Trp-Ala-Gly (SEQ ID NO:~~39~~37); and Gly-Arg-(3-amino-3-pyriylpropionic acid) ~~(SEQ ID NO:40)~~. (Ac in the foregoing sequences represents an Acetyl group).

Please replace Table IV at page 61 with the following:

Example	ID#	Sequence
13	31	**X**-GlyArgGlyAspSerPro-NH_2
14	30	~~**X**-GlyArgGlyAspTyr(OMe)Arg-Glu-NH_2~~
		X-ArgGlyAspTyr(Ome)ArgGlu-NH_2
15	32	**X**-GlyArgGlyAsp-NH_2
16	~~40~~ --	**X**-GlyArg{3-amino-(3-pyridyl)}-propionic acid
17	~~39~~ 37	**X**-GlyProLeuGlyMetTrpAlaGly-NH_2
18	26	~~**X**-GlyProLeuSar-OH~~
		X-GlyProLeuGly(Me)-OH
19	27	**X**-GlyProLeuGly-OH

Please replace Table V at pages 61-62 with the following table:

Example	ID#	Sequence
20	24	Ac-ProLeuGly-MetTrpAla-**Y**
21	36	Ac-ProLeuGlyMetGly-**Y**
22	~~37~~ --	H-MetTrpAla-**Y**
23	~~38~~ --	H-MetGly-**Y**
25	~~34~~ 33	Ac-ProLeuGlyMetAla-**Y**